IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Ricky Gene Braddy et al.

Application number: 10/711,730

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING DISCLOSURE OF PROPRIETARY DATA IN A NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

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Examiner: Winder, Patrice

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and Response is filed responsive to the Non-final Office Action dated April 28, 2009. Applicants submit that the Response is timely filed on Friday, August 28, 2009, with a one-month extension. In view of the comments set forth below, Applicants respectfully urge reconsideration, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the claims.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include a replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.